

SENATE RESOLUTION 145  
By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the St. Augustine School Boys' Thunderbolt Basketball Team on their outstanding season.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is proud to specially recognize and commend those outstanding young athletic teams, whose members work hard, play with exceptional proficiency, and are highly successful; and

WHEREAS, during the exciting and very memorable 2005-06 season, one remarkable team stood out: the St. Augustine Thunderbolts, who compiled a 17-0 record for grades 5 and 6 and a 11-0 record for grades 3 and 4; and

WHEREAS, the St. Augustine Thunderbolts, under the tutelage of Head Coach Williams and his staff, Coach Green and Coach LaNell, have compiled an amazing 40-game winning streak during the regular season; and

WHEREAS, the Thunderbolts are truly an inspirational story; they have achieved this tremendous success after several years of disappointment, having won only one game during the 2002-03 and 2003-04 seasons for a combined record of 1-37; and

WHEREAS, the turning point happened in the first game of the 2004-05 season when, trailing 34-0 at half-time, the team's coaching staff turned the reins over to Coach Williams, who, along with Coach Green and Coach LaNell, developed plays and led the Thunderbolts to a strong comeback; they scored 33 points in the second half and held the opposition to only four points; and

WHEREAS, the students of St. Augustine School were greatly enthused by the courageous effort of the team, which resulted in an increase in team recruitment numbers and a positive, winning attitude being firmly established. The 2004-2005 team would finish their

season with a 27-3 win-loss record and capture their first Arkansas-Tennessee PAA championship in fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, due to the dedication and hard work of all those associated with the St. Augustine Thunderbolts, this exceptional team has earned the respect and admiration of their fellow students and the opposing teams in their league; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this great basketball team, who are a tremendous credit to their school and community, be specially commended; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate the 2005-2006 St. Augustine School Boys' Basketball Team, including Coach Williams and his entire staff, on an outstanding season and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.